GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:763
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HIKE IN MONTHLY RENT OF TELEPHONES BY MTNL
ANANT GANGARAM GEETE;CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA;MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has increased the monthly rent of telephonefor low calling subscribers in Delhi and Mumbai and for the safe custody of telephones from February 1, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the revenue likely to be generated annually as a result thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to review these orders of the MTNL to give relief to Low Calling subscribers ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Rental for urban low calling subscribers has been increased from Rs. 190/- per month to Rs. 250/- per month w.e.f.1.2.2001 and rental for safe custody of telephones has been reduced to 20% of rental for all slabs w.e.f. 1.2.2001.

(c) The rental have been increased alongwith the reduction in STD tariffs upto 200 Kms.

(d) The package is not likely to generate additional revenue.

(e) There is no such proposal for review at present, as the whole scheme has been announced as a package.